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2. In April 1952, I was detained by the MVD [redacted] and held 2½ hours for interrogation at the local MVD jail.¹ I was asked to give information regarding the reasons why some of my [redacted] colleagues and other friends had defected to the West and was also asked to furnish a list of the persons who had defected. I did not give this information but feigned ignorance. The MVD officials, whose names I do not know, were very cordial and correct in every respect, and did not use any "strong arm" tactics. I was then offered a choice of jobs in any Russian Zone firm with a high salary and other privileges, in return for which I was to be an informer for the MVD.

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I refused this offer, and after seeing that I would not or could not give any information, the MVD released me. I was never again directly approached by the MVD on any occasion. This episode only strengthened my anti-Communist beliefs, and gave me another reason for wanting to leave the Russian Zone.

3. [redacted] I received a total of seven offers to work for an aircraft company called "Pirna" which was also located in Pirna. Its complete name was Pirna Maschine Technische Inspektion. I was told by the representative of this firm that the main offices of "Pirna" were located in Dresden. The factory in Pirna is now only designing and producing a small quantity of light sports airplanes, but it is being developed into a large industry. It is supported entirely or in greater part by Soviet funds. Agents for the firm are constantly attempting to hire as many German engineers and designers as possible in order to keep them in the Soviet Orbit, and they are primarily interested in returnees. This is being accomplished with a fair degree of success, as the employees are offered high salaries, good living accommodations, and other privileges. For example, I was offered a salary of between 800 and 1000 East Marks a month and a four-room apartment free of rent. I was offered positions by several representatives of the firm, the names of whom I do not remember [redacted]

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25X1 [redacted] several [redacted] colleagues accepted jobs with Pirna, and the following is a list of them:

<u>Weilepp</u> , Otto (Ing)	<u>Grosskopf</u> (Ing)
<u>Schurtz</u> , Edwin (Ing)	<u>Limbach</u> (Ing)
<u>Noetzold</u> , Martin (Ing)	<u>Rauschen</u> (Ing?)
<u>Schubert</u> , Paul (Ing)	<u>Eitel</u> , Steek (Meister)
<u>Balluff</u> , Helmut (Ing)	<u>Cornelius</u> (Ober Meister) (SED member since 1952)

25X1 4. [redacted] in East Germany I developed a greater dislike for the Communist system. There was rationing of food and clothing, constant fear of arrest or detention and complete distrust of everyone and everything. Nothing in the way of repair or reconstruction in the whole East Zone had been accomplished since my deportation in 1946, and our once-proud city had degenerated in every respect. I could not see any future for my family or myself, and decided to leave. Although I was forced to sign a sworn statement that none of this information would be divulged to anyone, I feel no obligation to this oath, and offer anything that can be used for the benefit of my own country as well as countries that are striving for a better world.

25X1 1. [redacted] Comment: The jail is located at the Haupt-Polizei-Prasidium, Hauptstrasse Hallmarkt

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